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**Biography**

Dr Clifton Emery is an Associate Professor of Department of Social Work and Social Administration at the University of Hong Kong. He is an academic, a social worker, and a statistician. His approach to research and scholarship brings empirical and theoretical rigor to the study of conflict and its resolution in the context of power disparities. His work focuses primarily on abuse and violence against women, children, and refugees. Dr Emery is the Academic Expert for Help for Children Asia Branch and guides the organization's grant making. He is also the PI for a Save the Children study of online victimization among 2,000 Hong Kong school children. He has been an expert witness in three countries and an advisor to the South Korean Ministry of Justice.

Dr Emery has carried out survey research in the US, China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Spain, Russia, Vietnam, Mongolia, Nepal, and on North Korean refugees. His areas of research include (1) an investigation of the mechanisms that underlie the relationship between informal social control and child maltreatment and intimate partner violence, (2) development and testing of a new theory of the lived experience of child maltreatment and polyvictimization, (3) development of research, policy and practice to better protect women from intimate partner violence based on his theory of totalitarian, despotic, tolerant, conflict, and anarchic types of IPV.